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CIVIL COVER SHEET

County in which action arose <u>Jackson</u>

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COUT 1 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN 2 3 KIM WILLARD 4 5 Plaintiff Hon. Case No. 6 v. 7 JACKSON COUNTY, a municipal corporation, 8 RYAN STEVENSON, Individual and official capacity, 9 GARY MCKESSY, Individual and official capacity, STEVEN P. RAND, Individual and official capacity, 10 ROBERG VOGT, Individual and official capacity, 11 MIKE COBURN, Individual and official capacity, 12 **DEPUTY FRENCH**, Individual and official capacity, **DEPUTY HUTTENLOCKER**, Individual and official capacity, 13 **DEPUTY C. ALLEN**, Individual and official capacity, 14 **DEPUTY KAKOWSKI**, Individual and official capacity, JOHN/JANE DOES #1-10, Individual and official capacities, 15 16 Defendants 17 18 19 BOYLANLAW, P.C. Karie H. Boylan (P55468) 20 Attorney for Plaintiff 21 410 W. University, Suite 201 Rochester, Michigan 48307 22 Phone: 855-9BOYLAN 23 Fax: 855-3BOYLAN E-Mail: karie@boylanlaw.net 24 25 PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND 26 27 28

In support of his Complaint, Defendant states:

JURISDICTION & VENUE

- 1. Jurisdiction is based upon 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 1343(a)(3).
- 2. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391, as the events giving rise to the claim arose in Jackson County, Michigan.

PARTIES

- 3. Plaintiff, Kim Willard, is a resident of Lansing, Michigan. He is an individual with a disability within the meaning of both the Americans with Disabilities Act (hereinafter "ADA") and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (hereinafter "Rehabilitation Act") because he has physical impairments (epileptic and right lower extremity amputee) that substantially limit one or more of his major life activities.
 - 4. Defendant Jackson County is a Michigan municipal corporation.
- 5. Defendant Rand is the Jackson County Sheriff. Defendants Vogt and Coburn and Jackson County Jail Administrators. These three individuals are the decision makers for the Jail, including but not limited to training, supervision, policy making, jail construction & modifications, ADA and Rehabilitation Act compliance.
- 6. The remaining Defendants are Jackson County employees assigned to work in the County Jail sometime between July 19, 2015 through October 26, 2015.
- 7. From July 19, 2015, through October 26, 2015, Plaintiff was an inmate in the Jackson County Jail.

- 8. When Plaintiff arrived, Deputies removed his prosthesis, refused to give it back to him, and refused to provide him with any other form of mobility device. Plaintiff was forced to hop on one leg everywhere he went inside the Jail.
- 9. Not wearing his prosthesis while in the Jackson County Jail caused Plaintiff's stump to change its shape, which compelled him to purchase a new prosthesis which is expensive and painful to break in.
- 10. Defendants, including John/Jane Does #1 through #10, are Jackson County employees responsible for the decision(s) to: (a) not allow Plaintiff to wear his prosthesis in Jail, (b) not provide Plaintiff with a mobility device, (c) not provide Plaintiff access to a shower/toilet, (d) insist that he ambulate by hopping on one leg.
- 11. Every time Plaintiff wanted to take a shower, he had to hop on one leg to get in and out. Notably, Plaintiff had to hop over a 1'+ tall, floor mounted water barrier every time. There were no grab bars, hand rails or any other form of handicap assistance device to help him clear the barrier.
- 12. Plaintiff objected to having to hop over the barrier. Defendants' told him: "Fine, if you don't want to hop, then don't take a shower".
- 13. On October 20, 2015, Plaintiff tried to hop into the shower, the barrier caught his foot, and he fell onto the concrete floor suffering serious injury and excruciating pain. This is a photo of Plaintiff after he fell with his only leg still resting on the barrier:



- 14. Plaintiff was transported to the Allegiance hospital by ambulance and admitted for emergency medical treatment.
- 15. On October 14, 2015, Deputy McKessy, a Field Training Officer, was "shadowing" Deputy Stevenson. These were transport Deputies, responsible for escorting inmates to and from Jackson County Circuit Court.
- 16. Every other time Plaintiff went to and from Court, Deputies pushed him in a wheelchair outside of the Jail, down a sidewalk, to the Courthouse next door where he could enter and leave the courthouse via the wheelchair ramp.
- 17. On October 14, 2015, Plaintiff was with other inmates waiting for Court. Plaintiff asked Deputies whether he could talk to his attorney somewhere in private so that others could not hear the privileged attorney-client communications. Deputies refused, became angry and radioed to Stevenson and McKessy that they had to come get Plaintiff because he was being "a problem". They were angry.

- 18. On their way back to the Jail, Deputy Stevenson pushed Plaintiff in the wheelchair. Rather than use the handicap ramp, he headed towards the tunnel stairs.
 - 19. Deputy McKessy went ahead of Deputy Stevenson and Plaintiff.
- 20. Once Deputy Stevenson reached the tunnel stairs, he stopped and told Plaintiff to get out of the wheelchair and hop down the stairs. At that time, Plaintiff's hands were still chained to his belly cuffs at that time.
 - 21. Plaintiff refused to hop down the stairs.
- 22. In response to Plaintiff's refusal, Deputy McKessy turned on his body camera, pointed it at Plaintiff and said: "Inmate HOP down those stairs! That's an Order!" Plaintiff hopped onto the first step then fell down the remaining three. Plaintiff landed hard on the concrete floor, hitting his head, suffering serious injury and excruciating pain. This is a photograph of Plaintiff after he fell:



- 23. Plaintiff was transported to the Allegiance hospital by ambulance and admitted for emergency medical treatment.
- 24. Plaintiff fell other times while being forced to "hop" around the Jail, including when he suffered seizures (of which Defendants knew he was prone).

Count I: Violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

- 25. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs by reference
- 26. Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12101, et seq., expressly prohibits, among other things, discrimination against a person with a disability, solely on the basis of the disability, in the full and equal enjoyment of the services programs, and activities of a public entity.
- 27. Defendants operate the Jackson County Jail, which qualifies as a public entity" under the definition set forth in 42 U.S.C. § 12131(1)(B) because it is a "department, agency, special purpose district, or instrumentality" of a local government, i.e., Jackson County, Michigan.
- 28. Defendants' failure to provide a seizure prone lower extremity amputee with an adequate mobility device while in Jail, access to showers and bathrooms, wall mounted grab bars, a raised toilet seat and other handicap devices constitute a violation of Title II of the ADA because those failures denied Plaintiff the use and enjoyment of a services of a public entity.

- 29. Defendants' failure to provide reasonable accommodations for a seizure prone lower extremity amputee constitutes a violation of Title II of the ADA because it denied Plaintiff the use and enjoyment of a service of a public entity.
- 30. Defendant Stevenson's ordering Plaintiff to hop down a flight of stairs while belly cuffed constitutes a violation of Title II of the ADA.
- 31. Defendants' ADA violations proximately caused Plaintiff to suffer personal injury, pain, suffering, humiliation, embarrassment, emotional distress; and, to incur medical and other expenses, costs, interest and attorney fees.

Count II: Violation of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

- 32. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs by reference.
- 33. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1983, 29 § U.S.C. 794, provides that no otherwise qualified individual with a disability may be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, solely on the basis of the individual's disability.
- 34. Defendants operate the Jackson County Jail, which qualifies as a "program or activity" under the definition set forth in 29 U.S.C. § 794(b)(1)(A) because it is a "department, agency, special purpose district, or instrumentality" of a local government, i.e., Jackson County, that receives federal financial assistance.

- 35. Defendants' failure to provide an adequate mobility device while in Jail, access to showers and bathrooms, wall mounted grab bars, a raised toilet seat and other handicap devices constitutes violations of the Rehabilitation Act because those failures denied Plaintiff the use and enjoyment of the facility.
- 36. Defendants' failure to provide reasonable accommodations to Plaintiff constitutes a violation of the Rehabilitation Act because it denied Plaintiff the use and enjoyment of a service of a public entity.
- 37. Defendant Stevenson's ordering Plaintiff to hop down a flight of stairs while belly cuffed constitutes a violation of the Rehabilitation Act.
- 38. Defendants' violations of the Rehabilitation Act, proximately caused Plaintiff to suffer personal injury, pain, suffering, humiliation, embarrassment, emotional distress; incur medical and other expenses, costs, interest, attorney fees.

<u>Count III – 42 U.S.C. § 1983</u>

- 39. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs by reference.
- 40. All Defendants were acting under color of law at all relevant times.
- 41. Deputies French, Huttenlocker, C. Allen and Kakowski were involved in Plaintiff's October 20, 2015, fall in the shower.
- 42. Defendants had actual knowledge of the risk of harm Plaintiff faced hopping into and out of the shower on one leg, with no handrails, grab bars or other handicap assistance devices.

- 43. Defendants' insistence that Plaintiff repeatedly expose himself to a risk of harm they created and which eventually caused him to fall multiple times, constitutes cruel and unusual punishment under the 8th and/or 14th Amendment.
- 44. Deputies Stevenson, McKessy, Watson and Kakowski were involved in Plaintiff's October 14, 2015, fall down the stairs.
- 45. Deputy McKessy's failure to properly supervise Deputy Stevenson, and his ordering Plaintiff to hop on one leg down a flight of stairs while belly cuffed constitutes cruel and unusual punishment under the 8th and/or 14th Amendment.
- 46. Defendant McKessy was angry with Plaintiff for "being a problem". He intended to injure Plaintiff by ordering him to hop down the stairs while belly cuffed. After the fact, Defendant McKessy destroyed/erased audio and video tape the memorialized him ordering Plaintiff to hop down the stairs, and of Plaintiff falling down the stairs, in an effort to avoid being held liable.
- 47. Jail officials responsible for the decisions to (a) remove Plaintiff's prosthesis and not replace it with an adequate mobility device (especially knowing he was prone to seizures), (b) house Plaintiff in a cell that was not handicap assessable, (c) not provide Plaintiff with access to a shower or toilet, (d) force Plaintiff to hop over a barrier to get in and out of the shower, (e) force Plaintiff to hop down a flight of stairs with hands chained to his waist are not entitled to qualified immunity.

- 48. Defendants Rand, Vogt and Coburn's failure to implement policies and procedures in the Jackson County Jail that would allow for safe mobility for lower extremity amputees in the Jail, insistence that prosthesis be taken away from amputees and not returned, failure to remove barriers or install handrails on Jail walls, failure to provide amputees with reasonable handicap access to showers and toilets, forcing amputees to ambulate by hopping around inside the Jail on one leg are moving forces behind the violations of the 8th and 14th Amendments to the United States Constitution.
- 49. Defendants' violations of the 8th and 14th Amendments proximately caused Plaintiff to suffer damages.
- 50. Providing Plaintiff with access to the shower that he did not have to hop in and out of, over a 1'+ tall barrier on one leg, on wet concrete, with no handrails, grab bars or anything else to hold while hopping, is not a discretionary function of a Jackson County employee assigned to work in the Jail.
- 51. If forcing Plaintiff to hop over a 1'+ barrier, on one leg, on wet concrete, with no handrails, grab bars, or anything else to hold while hopping, is a discretionary function, the decision to compel Plaintiff to do so on a daily basis, violates clearly established statutory or constitutional rights of which a reasonable person would have known.

- 52. Ordering a right lower extremity amputee to hop on one leg down a flight of stairs while his hands are chained to his stomach is not a discretionary function of a Jackson County employee assigned to work in the Jail.
- 53. If forcing a right lower extremity amputee to hop on one leg down a flight of stairs while his hands are chained to his stomach is a discretionary function, the decision to order Plaintiff to do so violated clearly established statutory or constitutional rights of which a reasonable person would have known.
- 54. Defendants' constitutional deprivations proximately caused Plaintiff to suffer personal injury, pain, suffering, humiliation, embarrassment, emotional distress; incur medical and other expenses, costs, interest, attorney fees.

Requested Relief

Wherefore, Plaintiff requests that this Honorable Court:

- 1. Enter declaratory judgment that Defendants violated the ADA and Rehabilitation Act;
- 2. Enter an injunction ordering Defendants (a) to cease violating the ADA and Rehabilitation Act and (b) to bring its facilities into full compliance with the ADA and the Rehabilitation Act;
- 3. Award compensatory and punitive damages in excess of \$500,000.00, plus interest;
- 4. Award Plaintiff costs, interest and attorney fees;
- 5. Enjoin Defendants from housing Plaintiff unless and until the Jail is brought into compliance with the ADA and Rehabilitation Act; and
- 6. Grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just.

Respectfully submitted, /s/ Karie H. Boylan BOYLANLAW, P.C. Karie H. Boylan (P55468) Attorney for Plaintiff 410 W. University, Suite 201 Rochester, Michigan 48307 855-9BOYLAN Phone: Fax: 855-3BOYLAN Dated: June 9, 2016 E-Mail: karie@boylanlaw.net

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